

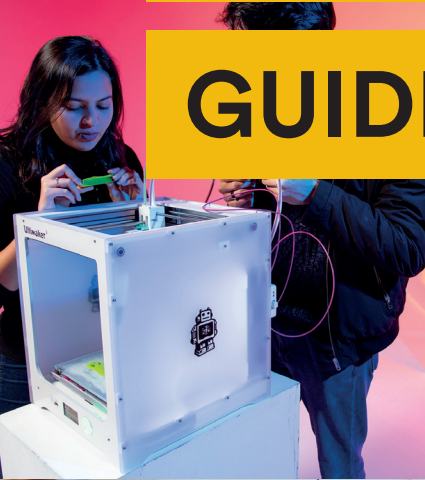
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INTERNATIONAL

STUDENT

GUIDE



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WELCOME



We're delighted that you're interested in studying with us at Falmouth University. A world of opportunity awaits you here in Cornwall, where you'll be part of a warm and welcoming creative community with a truly global outlook. Not only will you have access to world-class facilities, impressive industry links, teaching excellence and ground-breaking research, but you'll find the support and friendship here to make your studies a rewarding and memorable experience.

Professor Emma Hunt
Vice-Chancellor & CEO



Studying abroad can be many things: exciting and inspiring, but also a little intimidating at first. As an international student at Falmouth University, you'll find everything here that you need for success – from courses that will help prepare you for your dream career, to friendly and supportive staff ready to help you feel at home in Cornwall and develop confidence in your new social, cultural and academic surroundings.

We hope you'll find the answers to your questions in the pages of this guide, ready to start your fascinating adventure at Falmouth.

Professor Minhua Eunice Ma
Provost

A history of more than

120 years

Established as a school of art in 1902.

2 campuses



Falmouth Campus is set in historical, subtropical gardens, just a few minutes' walk from the beach. Penryn Campus is a purpose-built creative hub, situated in parkland. The campuses are a short bus journey apart.

more than

4600 students

Falmouth is a diverse and vibrant community made of undergraduate and postgraduate students and researchers from all over the world

No. 1
for entrepreneurs

Falmouth University graduates are the most likely in the UK to start or manage a business.

(Capital On Tap, 2021)





1 hour 10 mins from
London Heathrow
to Cornwall
Airport Newquay



5 hours 30 mins from
Central London



5 hours from
London Paddington



8 hours 10 mins from
London Heathrow

Falmouth Campus
Falmouth University
Woodlane
Falmouth
Cornwall
TR11 4RH
United Kingdom

Penryn Campus
Falmouth University
Treliever Road
Penryn
Cornwall
TR10 9FE
United Kingdom

1. Community

Falmouth is a dynamic, inspiring community of artists, entrepreneurs, programmers, researchers and designers. The University is home to more than 4,600 students from more than 50 countries worldwide, and our industry and alumni links span the globe.

At Falmouth, we believe that collaboration is the key to innovation and successful careers. Our campuses are creative hubs where students come together to work across subject areas.

Joining Falmouth University means being among like-minded people. Whether it's through your course, your accommodation or one of the 150-plus clubs and societies offered by the Students' Union, at Falmouth you can be sure that you're building connections that will reach far beyond your time at the University.

2. Innovation

Falmouth University has a history going back more than 120 years, but our future-focused courses, world-class facilities and industry-connected staff place us at the cutting edge of the creative industries.

The University is re-thinking the shape of Higher Education and delivering impactful research and innovation. Falmouth fuses creativity and technology, to bring about new ideas and ways of thinking, doing, making and creating – working across sectors as diverse as fashion, tourism and immersive technology. Students, staff and alumni are recognised for their bold innovation, winning awards, gaining commissions and building their own businesses.

3. Environment

At Falmouth, collaboration and creativity spark ideas. The purpose-built Penryn Campus is a contemporary creative hub, situated in picturesque surroundings, while the historic Falmouth Campus is nestled in the heart of glorious, leafy gardens and just a few minutes' walk from the beach. Both campuses are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

Cornwall's stunning natural environment has attracted creatives for generations. The area is famous for its surf beaches, spectacular coastal paths and unspoilt countryside. The locality offers endless opportunity to enjoy and connect with the great outdoors.



4. Culture

Artists from all over the world have found their inspiration in Cornwall, so it's no surprise that the region is brimming with galleries, museums and exhibitions spaces. Step into The Exchange, CAST, Tate St Ives or Falmouth's own Morgan's Gallery and you'll be met by the work of internationally acclaimed and exciting new artists.

You'll also find theatre, dance, music and comedy in Cornwall. Whether it's at AMATA, the University's on-campus performance venue, or The Minack, a stunning open-air theatre, you're never far from an inspiring performance.

The region is also home to one of the most diverse, eclectic and exciting festival scenes in the UK, boasting a packed calendar for music, film and literature.



5. Careers

Your time at university is the foundation for your career. At Falmouth, you'll develop skills and commercial knowledge for the future, learn from practising professionals, work with industry-standard facilities and benefit from a network of contacts – including our amazing alumni network.

Through Falmouth's award-winning employability service, RealWORKS, you'll have access to resources and tools, specialist events, a dedicated career platform, Handshake, a paid micro-internship scheme, and workshops, to help you realise your potential.

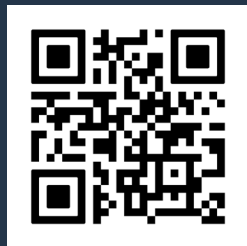
From paid opportunities through our agencies, to international opportunities to work or study abroad and a programme of guest lecturers, Falmouth empowers students to carve out successful, entrepreneurial careers by giving them a head start in industry.

Falmouth is the number one university in the UK for graduate business leaders (Capital On Tap, 2021). University alumni have become everything from award-winning artists and composers to entrepreneurs, architects and documentary filmmakers.



OUR COURSES

Falmouth University offers opportunities for both undergraduate and postgraduate study. There are options for online and on-campus study, as well as full-time and part-time degrees. Check our website for the most up-to-date list of degrees on offer.



Cornwall Business School

We believe entrepreneurship is a mindset, not a job title. Whether you work for Google, the UK Space Agency or the NHS, your career will be enhanced if you're an innovative, entrepreneurial and solution-oriented professional. Throughout your business degree, you'll apply key business theories to real-world problems through live briefs, marketing campaigns for real clients or the development of your own business or product.

So, whether you head into the world of tourism or events, or embark on your own start-up venture, you'll be set to make your mark as a next-generation professional.



School of Communication

From advertising, marketing and graphic design to creative writing and journalism, studying at Falmouth means you'll work on live briefs and learn from industry experts. You'll benefit from exposure to the complete spectrum of writing expertise, including active journalists and published authors, documentary makers, screenwriters, game writers and poets. Through access to industry contacts, first-rate facilities and opportunities for placements with the likes of BBC, Conde Nast and global advertising agencies, you'll be challenged and inspired – ready to begin your career.

Falmouth School of Art

Visual arts have been practised and taught at Falmouth for more than a century. The University's reputation for creative excellence keeps us at the forefront of the British art school scene. We're dedicated to providing the best environment for you to think, make and experiment alongside your peers, and to develop your creative network. You'll collaborate with industry partners from places such as the National Gallery, Tate St Ives, Penguin Books, HarperCollins and the National Trust. Industry speakers have included Cornelia Parker, Gavin Turk, Ben Rivers, Deborah Levy and Conrad Shawcross.



Games Academy

In the Games Academy, real games and digital products are created using professional-standard studios and equipment. You'll learn from tutors with experience at companies such as EA Games and Square Enix, developing industry-level skills.

Creating unique games means working in a unique way. With the future of the games and computing industry in mind, we enable a multidisciplinary approach. As a game, app or immersive content developer, you'll have the chance to work with actors in motion-capture suites, games artists, writers, composers and business experts.

School of Architecture, Design & Interiors

Falmouth's collaborative approach gives you the chance to face real design challenges and work with industry professionals from across the creative world. So, you can create sustainable spaces, places or products, and explore issues like energy, health and wellbeing. With world-class facilities and professional staff, you'll have the space, equipment and expertise to learn digital design and prototyping techniques, manufacturing processes, research and development methods, and conceptual skills. You'll also collaborate with organisations such as Marks & Spencer, the Eden Project and partner universities around the world.



Fashion & Textiles Institute

The Fashion & Textiles Institute offers you the chance to work on live, industry-sponsored projects with companies such as Adidas, Ryan Roche (New York), Liberty Art Fabrics and Nowness. You'll develop your own creative practice, utilising state-of-the-art technologies alongside long-established traditional techniques and processes. You'll work with staff offering extensive expertise in fashion and textile design, innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability and marketing. Housed in a modern, open-plan building, replicating working industry life, our Fashion and Textile courses collaborate across disciplines, and pioneer a future-driven design community.



Academy of Music & Theatre Arts

AMATA (Academy of Music & Theatre Arts) is a destination for international theatrical performances, dance groups and music acts. You'll have the opportunity to work with industry partners and hear from visiting lecturers. Alongside this real-world experience, you could collaborate with gaming, animation and film students, taking your work into digital and virtual environments.

The Academy of Music & Theatre Arts facilities comprise 11 performance and rehearsal spaces, flexible theatre space, 700 square metres of sprung dance floors, live rooms and digital and analogue equipment. We're also a working venue.

Institute of Photography

You'll develop your photography practice and portfolio by taking on live industry projects and occasional paid briefs via our in-house agency. You can also go on internships and study visits. We'll help you find your own creative voice, while also teaching you how to thrive in a fast-changing industry. Every large studio, darkroom, process area and piece of photography equipment is designed and calibrated for professional use. You'll gain industry insights and inspiration from experts such as photographers Rut Blees Luxemburg and Martin Parr, wildlife filmmaker Doug Allen, and photojournalist Antonio Olmos.



School of Film & Television

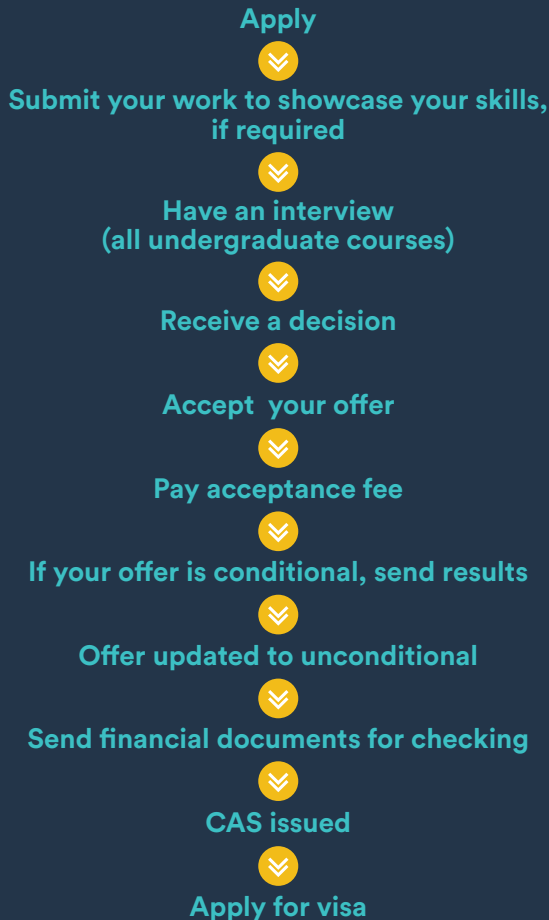
We've taught filmmaking at Falmouth for over 50 years. Our state-of-the-art kit and facilities, placement opportunities, industry connections and sheer enthusiasm for telling stories help us produce award-winning, employable graduates. Focusing on getting you into the film and television industry, we offer an immersive and demanding experience across the full range of creative production roles and responsibilities — in both the technical and conceptual aspects of filmmaking.

Our honorary fellows include the founders of Aardman Animation, Peter Lord and David Sproxton, Black Mirror and Doctor Who director Toby Haynes, and film producer and BFI executive Mary Burke.

2022 APPLICATION TIMELINE

Below is an outline of the application process at Falmouth University for on-campus undergraduate and postgraduate courses, starting in September 2022.

Contact our course advisers for more information at futurestudies@falmouth.ac.uk

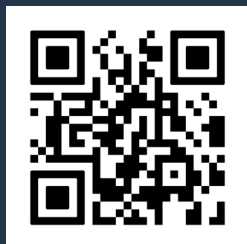


Help with your application

The University offers regular webinars to help you secure your place, including guidance for your application, portfolio and interview. You can also seek help from an educational agent. The University has many partners around the world. Check our international pages on the website for more details.

Who can apply?

We welcome applications from students of all nationalities. We'll assess your qualifications against our entry requirements and help you through every stage of the application process.



Undergraduate courses

Our undergraduate courses require the equivalent of 104-120 UCAS Tariff points. We also accept applications from those who are eligible for second and third year entry. You can apply via UCAS or directly with us.

English language requirements

Overall IELTS 6.0 with no less than IELTS 5.5 in each band. We accept a range of English language tests, but they must be equivalent to the above IELTS scores.

Portfolio/Performance/Presentation

Depending on the undergraduate course you are applying for, you might be asked to present a portfolio, prepare a presentation or send in a recording of your performance in dancing, acting, making music or singing.

Interviews

We interview for all our undergraduate degrees as part of the application process.

Postgraduate courses

We welcome applications from those with a good undergraduate degree or relevant equivalent experience and a proven interest in the subject.

If you have professional experience, this can sometimes be substituted for traditional academic qualifications. Application forms for postgraduate courses should be completed via the Falmouth University website.

English language requirements

Overall IELTS 6.5 with no less than IELTS 6.0 in each band. We accept a range of English language tests, but they must be equivalent to the above IELTS scores.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees can vary, but most on-campus undergraduate and postgraduate tuition fees cost £17,460 per academic year. Check our website for full details.

Course costs

You may need to budget for specific materials, trips or equipment. Costs can vary from course to course. Further details are available on the individual course pages on our website.

Scholarships

The University is offering £5,000 scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students who will start their degree in September 2022 and meet certain criteria.

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website.



Visit our international pages



If you are an international student, you will probably need to apply for a student visa.

To enable you to make a student visa application, you will need a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) statement from us. To be eligible for a CAS, your offer must be unconditional. You must have completed all steps of the acceptance process (including paying an acceptance fee), and you must have provided us with evidence that you meet all UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) financial requirements. This will ensure that your application won't be refused on financial grounds.

Once your student visa is issued using Falmouth University documentation, you will be able to study at Falmouth University only.

Please note Falmouth University is not able to give visa guidance. The UKCISA website is a useful resource and offers supportive advice: www.ukcisa.org.uk

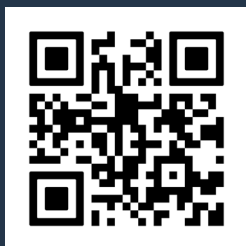
The visa process can be lengthy. To help students prepare, Falmouth offers webinars on the subject. Check the Virtual Experience page on our website for details.

If you are using an educational agent in your country, you can also ask them for advice.

Visit our [visa guidance page](#)



VISAS



Falmouth University offers a range of accommodation designed for every budget.

We know that student halls are more than just a place to rest your head at night, so every option is modern and well equipped — a space to study, socialise and be inspired.

Every first-year undergraduate is guaranteed accommodation in university-owned, managed or approved accommodation, providing you apply by the published deadline.

Accommodation costs

The weekly rental cost for university-managed halls of residence at Falmouth currently starts at £116/week* including most bills. Rent includes heating, electricity and water. Each room is furnished, and most have provision for TV and Wi-Fi. We also provide catered packages which include two meals a day on campus.

*Valid as of October 2021

Room types

- Shared en-suite rooms
- Single occupancy en-suite rooms
- Standard, medium and large rooms with shared bathrooms
- En-suite studios with kitchenettes
- Accessible en-suite rooms and studios

All our campus rooms have a shared kitchen. Falmouth has a great choice of food shops, from large supermarkets to a range of smaller shops stores selling organic, wholefood, locally produced and international food.

Personal needs

We're committed to providing a supportive environment for everyone. If you have a disability, an access need or a medical condition, we'll help you explore your options. We also have single gender, meat-free and alcohol-free options.





Safety

Falmouth University was ranked the second safest university in England and Wales (The Complete University Guide, 2020). Our campus security provides 24/7 security services and support, as well as CCTV at some sites.

International arrivals

We offer an airport collection service every year for all international students. These services usually operate from Heathrow Airport and Cornwall Airport Newquay. Our team will meet you, take you by private coach to our Penryn Campus and help you get settled into your new accommodation.

Mentoring system

We recognise that going to university abroad is a big step, so it's helpful to have a friendly fellow student who already knows the town and the University. That's why all first-year students are matched with second-year students via our Student Mentor Scheme.

Inductions and welcome events

The University organises inductions and preparation sessions before you start your course, so you can feel fully prepared from day one.

Students are also invited to a wide range of social events and activities in the week before classes start at our 'Welcome Week', allowing you to familiarise yourself with the local area, join clubs and societies and make new friends.

English language support

As a student at Falmouth University, you'll have the opportunity to join other international students at our free, term-time English classes on both campuses. These classes are perfect for anyone who is looking to improve their social, academic and professional English language skills, for general conversation, presentations, CVs, applications, or research and publications. And if you would benefit from more personal help, you can sign up for one-to-one tutorials in-person and online.



Professional services

We offer a range of professional and fully confidential services that can be tailored to student needs. Here are just a selection:

- **Health services:** on-campus health clinic
- **Wellbeing & Student Support:** comprehensive resources and support for mental health and wellbeing. Our service offers a wide range of support, including self-help, online resources, advice and information and referral and liaison with external partners, when needed
- **Accessibility & Inclusive Learning:** support with physical, communication or sensory disabilities, Specific Learning Differences (SpLDs), mental health issues or long-term health conditions
- **ASK:** academic support with anything related to essay writing and learning techniques
- **Multifaith Chaplaincy:** spiritual care for anyone, every faith or none. Both the Penryn and Falmouth chaplaincies have a quiet room for reflection, contemplation, meditation and prayer
- **ResLife:** support with the student transition into higher education by developing independent living skills, encouraging healthy relationships and improving mental health and wellbeing
- **RealWORKS:** the University's award-winning employability service: supporting you to get a head-start in your future career. RealWORKS supports students through the curriculum and a wide range of co-curricular activity – from starting your own business, exploring career options, workshops to help you get job-ready, applying for opportunities and access to latest employability technology and AI tools.
- **Students' Union:** support with every aspect of student life, including academic issues and appeals, or issues with accommodation, finances and more



Locality

Falmouth town has plenty to keep you entertained. It is home to galleries, great shopping, gourmet hotspots, beachside bistros, cocktail bars, craft beer courtyards and music venues.

Creative culture

Cornwall boasts a thriving creative community, with galleries, museums, theatres and a calendar packed with exciting events and festivals. This enterprising and innovative culture has given rise to award-winning creative businesses spanning every sector.

Keeping active

If you like keeping active, there are endless opportunities for outdoor exercise in Cornwall – including world-class surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing, rowing, team sports or simply walking or running on the coast path. A sports centre at Penryn Campus offers a four-court sports hall, a 90-station gym and a large fitness studio with a variety of different classes.

Your Students' Union

One of the best ways to get involved in student life is through your Students' Union (SU). Our SU is the only union in the country to represent students from two different universities (Falmouth and Exeter), giving you the opportunity to meet and mix with another university's students. The aim of the SU is to ensure that every student has the highest quality education and the best experience possible during their time at the University. Our SU runs more than 150 clubs and societies you can join, and is also a place you can go for help with any matter.

Connecting with other international students

You'll have many opportunities to meet other international students from the time you apply, via Facebook groups and your Student Mentor. When you are at the University you can also join our Language Connect Scheme, which aims to put you in touch with similarly minded people.



Budgeting

The key costs to consider are student accommodation, living costs and your course costs. This list is not exhaustive, however, so it's best to consider your current outgoings and anything additional you'll need to budget for when studying with us. You can also use online sources to calculate how much money you may need to live and study in the UK.

Here's an example of what a student on a standard budget would spend per month (based on the UCAS website as of November 2021)

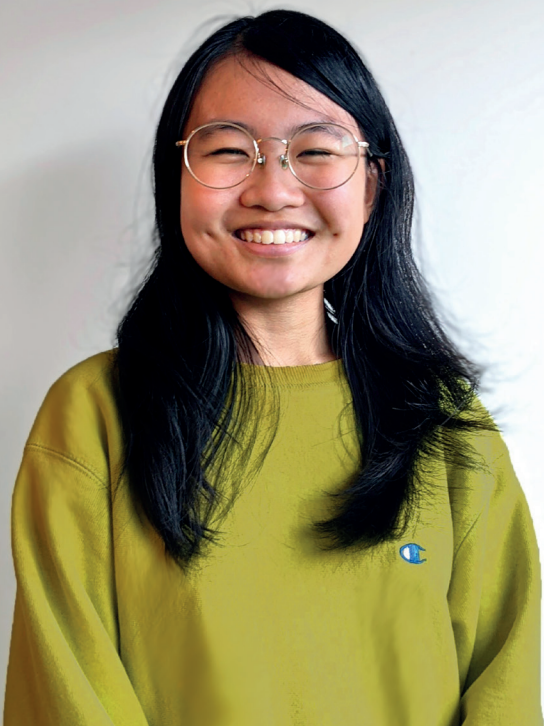
- Student accommodation = £502 including bills
- Phone contract and data = £27
- Transport = £81
- Food shopping = £75
- Miscellaneous = £240

We would also recommend taking into consideration the cost of your flights and other expenses associated with travelling back home for holidays.

Explore student life and get more information on budgeting with our dedicated webinars.

Check our Virtual Experience page





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I know that coming all the way to the UK and then travelling down to Falmouth might seem a bit scary. However, I really encourage you to consider Falmouth, not only as an excellent university experience, but also for the experience of living in this wonderful coastal town.

It is hard to imagine that I would have had the same personal growth and discovery elsewhere.

Lejia Feng from Singapore
BA(Hons) Illustration

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The people are so nice, and the tutors are always there to help no matter what. Falmouth has fantastic facilities, from massive studios to around £1.5m worth of photography equipment to play with. I absolutely loved it, an experience that I couldn't get anywhere else.

Best three years of my life — I wish I could go back and do it all again!

Pradyman Saman from India
Graduate, BA(Hons) Marine & Natural
History Photography, 2020





Moving to a different country right after I turned 18 has been an extraordinary learning experience, especially during a pandemic. Even with the hurdles that I've faced this past six months, I'm grateful that I decided to come to Falmouth. I consider myself very lucky to have this opportunity to learn about my passion and about the person I would like to become.

Aria Broxterman from Texas, USA
BA(Hons) Technical Theatre Arts

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The application process was incredibly smooth with a huge amount of assistance from the team in Falmouth.

This made us feel like it was actually going to work, from housing to the visa process. Turnaround of responses was almost immediate and the team was so patient as they helped us through a new and international process for us.

Daniel Silverman from Texas, USA
parent of a Dance & Choreography
BA(Hons) student

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